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FALL MEETING AT FRANKLIN, NC

The fall meeting of the Carolina Bird Club is scheduled September 14 - 16, 1984, at Franklin in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina during fall migration. Details:

HEADQUARTERS & LODGING - Quality Inn, 277 E. Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734
Telephone: 704/524-4451 Rates: \$28 single, \$32-34 double plus 4.5% sales tax. A block of rooms has been reserved for CBC until 9/1/84. Use reservation form in Newsletter. Deposit of one night's lodging required if arrival after 6:00 pm.

REGISTRATION - 3:00 - 6:00 pm at Quality Inn. To save time register in advance with form provided in Newsletter.

PROGRAM - Meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at the Community Facilities Building. Martin Sawyer from the Cradle of Forestry will present Birds and Animals of Kenya, a slide show of his 1977 expedition to Kenya including such fascinating birds as the Secretary Bird and the Vulturine Guinea fowl. Jerry Young of Fairview will present Three Seasons with a Wildlife Camera, a multi-media show depicting the local birds at the various seasons plus a summer trip to Arizona highlighted by southwestern hummingbirds.

FIELD TRIPS:

- A. Clingman's Dome, Gt. Smky. Mts. N. P. - Black-capped Chickadee and high elevation migrants. Leader: Ron Warner. Time: 6:00 am.
- B. Higlands Biological Station - middle elevation migrants, possible Red Crossbill. 3,800 ft. el. Leader: Chris Marsh. Time: 7:00 am.
- C. Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness - Excellent area for warblers. 2,000 - 5,500 ft. el. Leader: Paul Hart. Time: 7:00 am.
- D. Franklin area - lower elevation migrants, 2,100 ft. el. Leaders: Bill and Norma Siebenheller. Time: 8:30 am.
- E. Location and time to be announced. Leader: Steve Cox.

* * * MORGAN ELECTED PRESIDENT * * *

GEORGE W. MORGAN of Winston-Salem, NC was elected president of the Carolina Bird Club at its annual meeting June 2, 1984. Morgan grew up in Shelby, NC and is a graduate of Furman University. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II; retiring from the Army Reserve as a Lt. Colonel. After 38 years in the general insurance business George retired January 1, 1983 as president of The Phoenix Company. He is a former president of the Carolinas Association of Professional Insurance Agents and is a member of the Winston-Salem Lions Club, Forsyth County Audubon Society and a deacon of Knollwood Baptist Church.

CHECKOFF FOR WILDLIFE

Did you checkoff for wildlife on your 1983 North Carolina income tax return? If you did, you joined a select group of less than 2% of North Carolina taxpayers who participated in their first opportunity to contribute part of their tax refund to the North Carolina Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program. (South Carolina already has a similar program.) The tax checkoff will generate approximately \$135,000 this year for the North Carolina program according to Melinda Welton, Endangered Species Project Leader with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, in a report to the Carolina Bird Club during its spring meeting. Projects funded by the checkoff are:

Bald Eagle Restoration

Four Bald Eagles will be hacked at Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge. These eagles are being donated by Maryland and Virginia where Bald Eagles are increasing and will be taken from natural nests with three chicks. The survival of the third chick in these nests is variable and its removal can, in fact, increase the prospects of survival for all three eaglets.

During the fall and winter, a North Carolina Bald Eagle Restoration Plan will be written for approval by the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Advisory Council and the Southeastern Bald Eagle Recovery Team.

Peregrine Falcon Restoration

North Carolina was the first southeastern state to receive Peregrine Falcons as part of the second phase of the Eastern Peregrine Falcon Recovery Plan. Four young falcons were hacked from a wilderness site on Grandfather Mountain.

During the next year several additional sites along the Appalachians will be evaluated for possible release sites. It is expected that falcons will be hacked at two sites in 1986. As with the Bald Eagle project, a North Carolina Restoration Plan will be written.

Loggerhead Sea Turtle Conservation

The Loggerhead reaches its northern nesting limit in North Carolina, and for several years there have been efforts to protect the nesting beaches from Smith Island to Cape Hatteras. A concerted effort will be made during 1984 to coordinate all groups involved with turtle protection to standardize techniques and improve data collection on productivity.

Other Surveys and Investigations

A limited amount of money will be made available in 1984-85 to fund special projects or conduct surveys on little known species.

Nongame Wildlife Education Program

In the summer of 1984, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission will purchase the printing rights to Project Wild, an interdisciplinary approach to teaching nongame wildlife concepts to children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Project Wild and other tested-and-proven conservation education activity programs will be integrated with original material specific to North Carolina to produce a unique North Carolina Conservation Education Activity Guide.

HELP!!

In addition to checking off for wildlife on your 1984 North Carolina tax return you can help the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program by sending your records from the past three years on Bald Eagles. Give location, date and number of eagles seen. This information will be useful in identifying potential breeding areas in need of additional protection. Send information to: Melinda Welton, Endangered Species Project Leader, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.

PROGRESS REPORT

Plans for the publication of a distributional survey of the breeding birds of North Carolina were announced in 1983 (Chat 46:74). This will be a companion work for A Distributional Survey of North Carolina Mammals (Lee, Funderburg, and Clark, 1982, 70 pages, paperbound, \$5 postpaid from the North Carolina State Museum, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611).

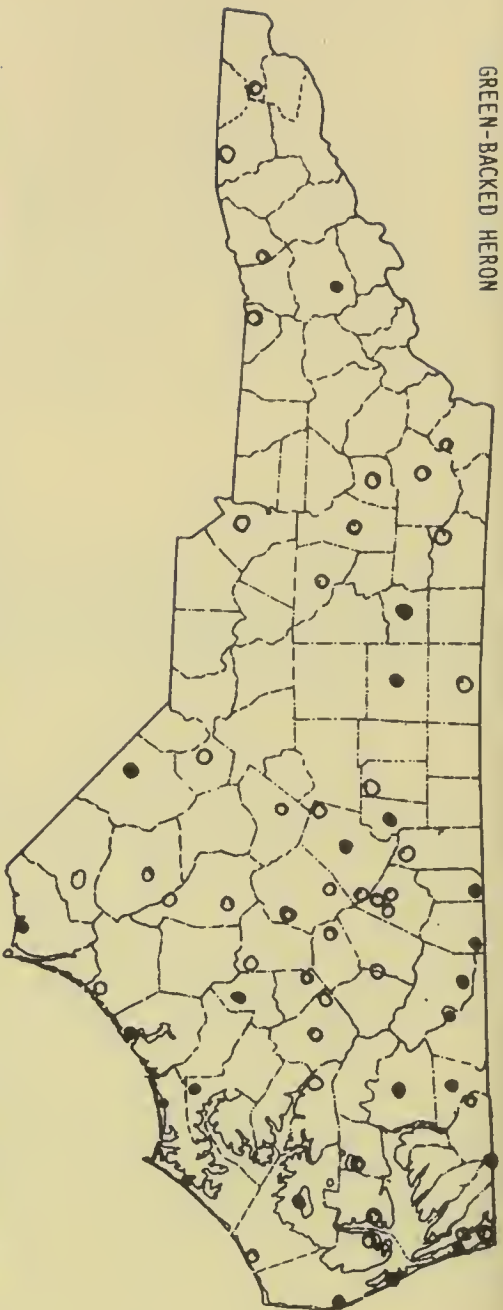
During the winter of 1983-1984, I searched the files of the North Carolina State Museum for published and unpublished data on breeding birds and made dot maps for all species presently known to nest in the state. These preliminary maps clearly indicated an acute shortage of data from the following counties: Anson, Avery, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham (western part only), Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Gaston, Greene, Jones, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Montgomery, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rutherford, Stokes, and Union.

Recently very helpful lists of breeding birds have been received from Sonja Hootman (Lincoln), Jerry Boyette (Duplin), Harry E. LeGrand, Jr. (Lenoir), and LeGrand and J. Merrill Lynch (Pitt, western Beaufort). In addition, I spent two days in June 1984 surveying birds in Greene County. That still leaves a lot of territory to be covered by other observers. If you have June bird lists or other indications of nesting for any of the problem counties, please send them to me as soon as possible. Just a list of the birds seen in your own yard during June 1984 will be useful.

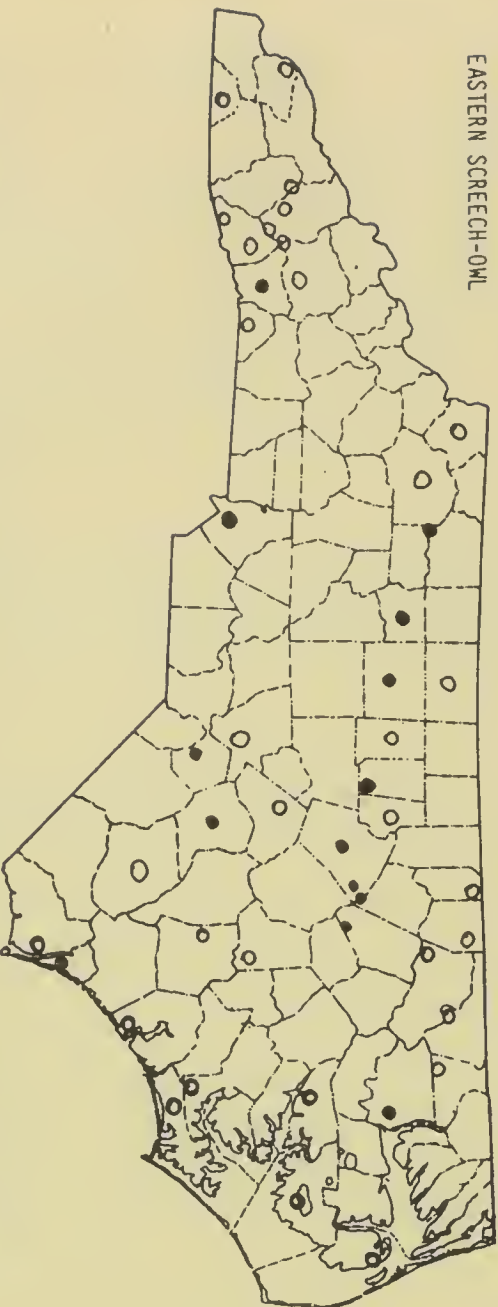
Accompanying this progress report are copies of six preliminary maps that are particularly misleading because of records missing from counties where the species surely must breed at least sparingly. Open dots represent birds present during June or throughout the year. Solid dots indicate positive evidence of breeding (e.g. nest construction, nests with eggs or young, adults feeding newly fledged young out of nest). C means there is a county breeding record, but the exact site is unknown. The western limit of breeding in North Carolina is very poorly defined for the Fish Crow, which is probably still extending its range inland. The other five maps merely have major gaps within what is believed to be a continuous range. Please mark your dots on these maps in colored ink (not black) and return them to me, along with any comments you wish to make about breeding birds. If you would like to review a full set of the preliminary maps, please indicate your interest in the space provided for comments.

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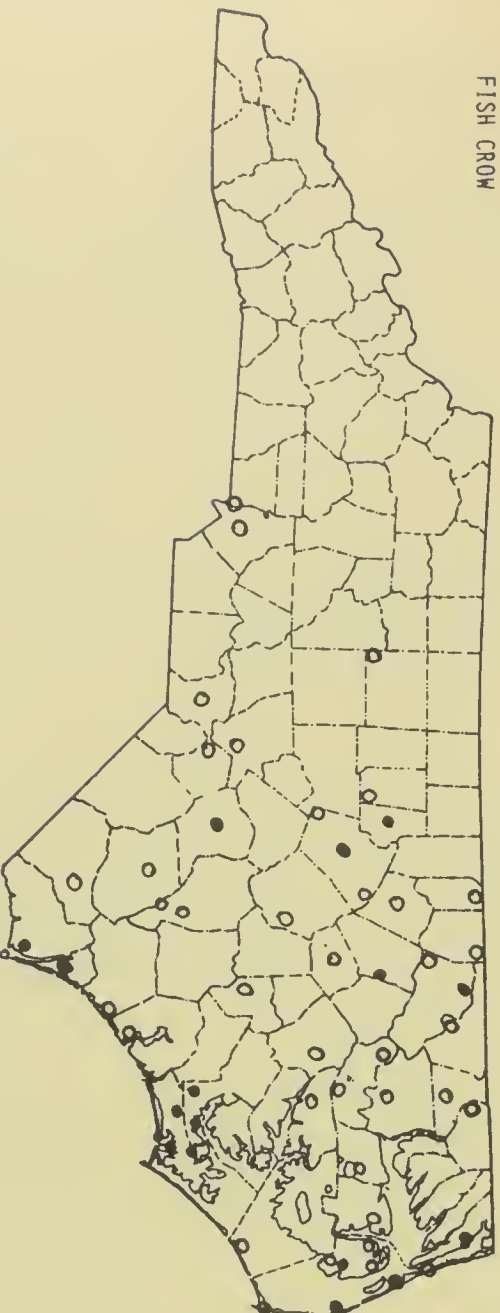
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EASTERN SCREECH-OWL



FISH CROW

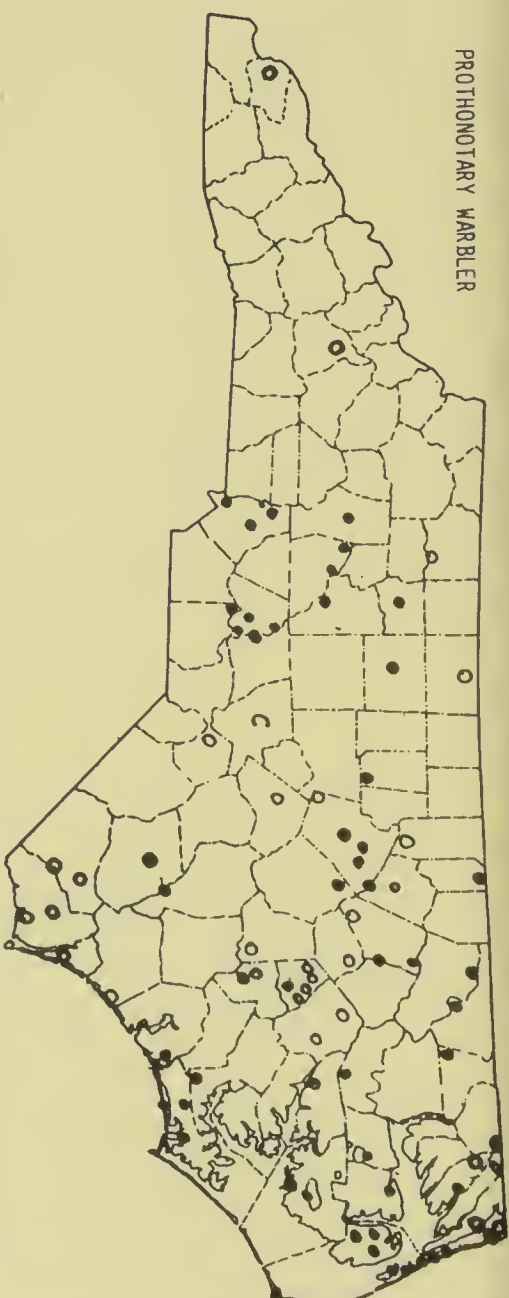


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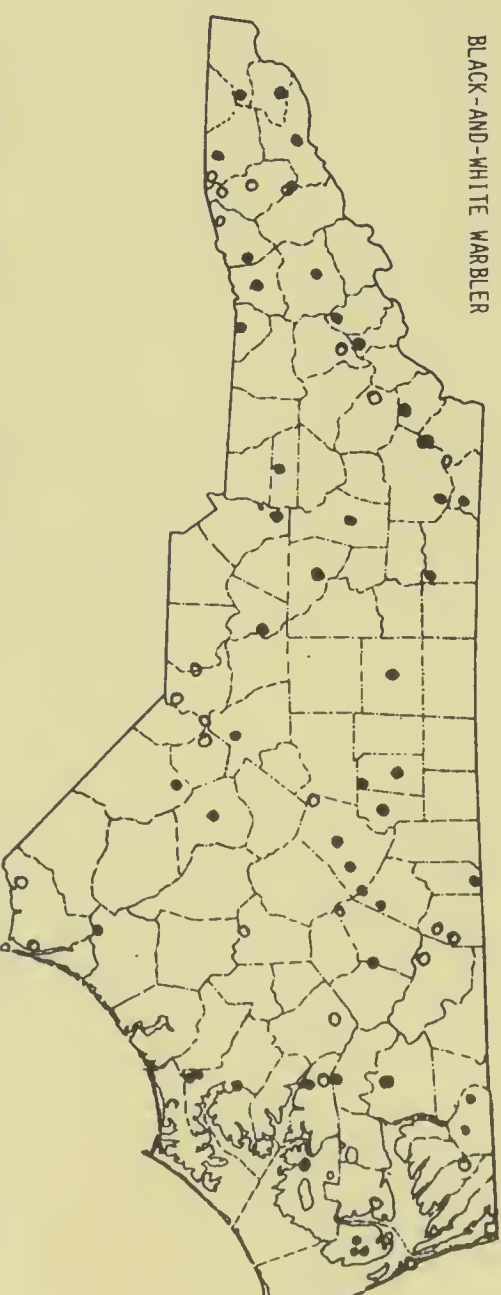
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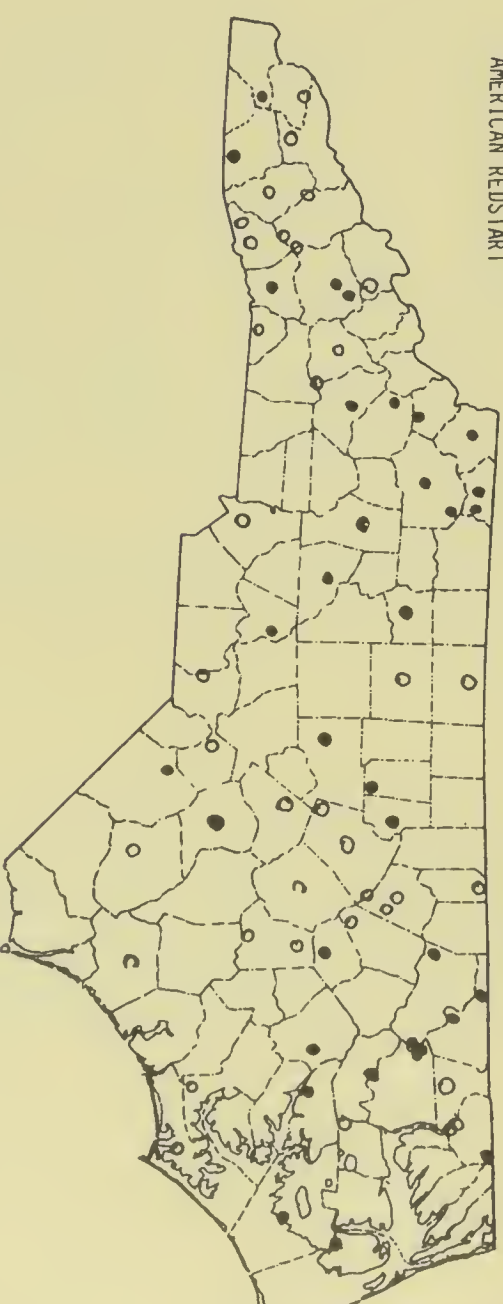
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER



BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER



AMERICAN REDSTART



PLEASE MARK NESTING SITES IN COLORED INK (NOT BLACK)
AND RETURN TO ELOISE F. POTTER, ROUTE 3, BOX 114 AA,
ZEBULON, N.C. 27597.

SPRING MEETING REPORT

The Carolina Bird Club spring meeting was held jointly with the Wilson Ornithological Society on the campus of UNC Wilmington May 31 - June 2, 1984. Friday's paper sessions covered a wide range of topics including a mini symposium on the Red Cockaded Woodpecker. On Saturday there were several workshops--Raptors, Seabird Identification, Bird Photography, and Bird Carving. The shrimparoo on Friday evening at the Marine Resources Center, Fort Fisher was delightful. On Saturday evening a fine banquet was provided at UNC-W with John Henry Dick presenting a slide show on the birds of India. Banquet favors were a Wilson's Warbler etched on glass suitable for hanging.

Field trips in early morning Friday and Saturday provided "lifers" for several participants. The day field trips on Sunday were enjoyable and productive. The off-shore trip netted the fewest species (Sooty Tern and Wilson's Petrel), but the weather and ocean were beautiful and the boat ride relaxing.

The annual meeting of CBC was held Saturday afternoon with election of officers as the main business. George Morgan of Winston-Salem, NC was elected president; Robert Hader, Raleigh, NC, vice-president, Region II; Philip Crutchfield, Fayetteville, NC, Secretary; John Watson, Southern Pines, NC, Treasurer; Verna Case, Davidson, NC and Martha Frederick, Tryon, NC, executive committee Region I; Ron Morris, Asheboro, NC, and Kenneth Knapp, Cary, NC, executive committee Region II.

* * *Frances B. Needham

BIRD FINDING GUIDE UPDATE

Compilation of the Bird Finding Guide to the Carolinas announced last year is gaining momentum. Over 30 top Carolinas birders have already contributed or agreed to contribute to the book. Ron Warner and Harry LeGrand indicate that the Guide will definitely be published, but further contributions would be welcomed. At present they have the mountains, the NC coast and the Sandhills well covered. More contributions are needed from the piedmont, the coastal plain and the SC coast. The biggest gaps in coverage are in the SC piedmont and coastal plain. To help contact: Ron Warner, P.O. Box 128, Bat Cave, NC 28710.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18-20, 1985 * * Winter Meeting
Savannah, Georgia (tentative)
May 10-12, 1985 * * Spring Meeting
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

NEEDED

Donations to help supply food and medicines are needed by the Lincoln Wildlife Orphanage, Rt. 3, Box T016, Lincolnton, NC 28092, a nonprofit, animal shelter operated by Sonja Hootman. Nearly 100 animals, mostly birds, have been in residence thus far in 1984.

QUALITY INN RESERVATION REQUEST

CAROLINA BIRD CLUB FALL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14-16, 1984

Please reserve accomodations as indicated for:

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
_____ Single (\$28 + 4.5% tax) Arrive _____ Mail with deposit to: Quality Inn
_____ Double (\$32-34 + 4.5% tax) Depart _____ 277 E Main St
Franklin, NC 28734

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ individual (\$3) _____ family (\$5) registration.

Mail to Carolina Bird Club, Inc., P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. William H. Bell
New Bern, NC

M/M Lee Cagle
Granite Falls, NC

Gale V. Craven
High Point, NC

Gary Dyer
Durham, NC

Bill Faust
Warsaw, NC

H. T. Hendrickson
Greensboro, NC

Bill Hilton, Jr.
York, SC

Dr. & Mrs. L. B. Holt
Winston-Salem, NC

Jarvis Hudson
Fayetteville, NC

Christine & Morrison Myers
Jamesville, NC

Robert Prescott
Mass. Audubon Society
South Well Fleet, MA

John & Evelyn Schoonover
Archdale, NC

Mary A. Sunderlin
Webster, NY

M/M Lee Taylor
Weldon, NC

Sherry Thorsen
Louisburg, NC

Melinda Welton
Durham, NC

New Exchange Publication

WING TIPS

Helen Laphan, Editor
Lansing, NY

NEWS OF MEMBERS

JOHN HENRY DICK was awarded the Sarah Chapman Francis Medal by the Garden Club of America for his book Other Edens: The Sketchbook of an Artist Naturalist. Mr. Dick was also the speaker for the meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society held at Wilmington, NC, May 31 to June 2, 1984. He gave a slide talk based on his trips to India in preparation for illustrating a field guide to the birds of that country. Among artists displaying their works at the same meeting were SIDNEY GAUTHREAUX and H. DOUGLAS PRATT. Doug says that his plates for the National Geographic Society Field Guide to the Birds of North America are now available for sale and that he has nearly finished working on his projected Field Guide to the Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific. Persons wishing to contact Doug about his prints may write him at 4583 Downing Dr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

PAUL W. SYKES, JR. has recently been transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service School of Forest Resources, U. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

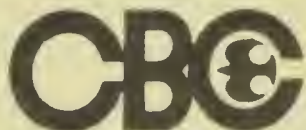
WANTED !

The Carolina Bird Club is conducting a poll of its members to determine the ten bird species that CBC members would most like to find in North and South Carolina. Interesting in themselves, the results will also be helpful in determining locations for future CBC meetings. To participate, simply make up your list numbered 1 through 10 (#1 is most wanted bird, etc.) and mail to: Ron Warner, P.O. Box 128, Bat Cave, NC 28710. Results will appear in a future Newsletter.

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Members are encouraged to submit items of interest to CBC Newsletter, Clyde Smith, Editor, 2615 Wells Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27608.

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